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REFERENCES:

- A. AR 95-1, AVIATION FLIGHT REGULATIONS, 1 SEP 97
- B. VCSA MESSAGE, MAY 98, SUBJECT: AVIATION SAFETY
- C. USAREUR/7A MESSAGE#980618, 18 JUN 98, SUBJECT: APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMY AVIATION OPERATIONS
- D. USAREUR/7A COMMAND POLICY LETTER NUMBER 3, 4 MAY 03, SUBJECT: SAFETY
- E. AE PAM 385-15, LEADERS OPERATIONAL ACCIDENT - PREVENTION GUIDE, 1 MAY 03
- F. AE REG 95-1, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FLIGHT REGULATIONS FOR ARMY AVIATION, 12 DEC 03
- G. VCSA MESSAGE, DEC 04, SUBJECT: VCSA AVIATION SAFETY DIRECTIVE/GUIDANCE

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1. (U) PURPOSE: THIS MESSAGE RE-EMPHASIZES THE VCSA MESSAGE (REFERENCE G) TO MITIGATE RECURRING TRENDS ASSOCIATED WITH RECENT AVIATION MISHAPS. TRENDS INCLUDE POOR WEATHER DECISIONS, INAPPROPRIATE CREW MIX, INADEQUATE AIR MISSION BRIEFS (AMB), AND COMPRESSED TRAINING AND OPTEMPO. THIS MESSAGE IS NOT INTENDED TO FOSTER A ZERO DEFECT OR RISK AVERSE CLIMATE BUT INSTEAD TO PROVIDE A COMMAND CLIMATE THAT RESULTS IN CONTINUED MISSION SUCCESS THROUGH PROPER RISK MITIGATION DURING PLANNING AND MISSION EXECUTION.

2. (U) USAREUR/7A DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING:

2.A. (U) IMMEDIATELY CHANGE AR 95-1 PARAGRAPH 2-4 TO STATE THAT ONLY PILOTS-IN-COMMAND (PC) MAY SERVE AS AVIATION MISSION BRIEFING OFFICERS.

2.B. (U) AVIATION UNIT COMMANDERS, O5 AND ABOVE WILL DESIGNATE THREE (3) GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS ON A SINGLE MEMORANDUM TO IDENTIFY RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AVIATION MISSION MANAGEMENT (AMM) PROCESS. (USAREUR G3 AVIATION WILL DISTRIBUTE AN EXAMPLE AVIATION MISSION MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM TO ALL USAREUR AVIATION UNITS). THIS MEMORANDUM WILL INCLUDE: 1) MISSION APPROVAL AUTHORITY (MAA) FOR ALL GROUND AND AIR AVIATION OPERATIONS, 2) MISSION BRIEFING OFFICER (MBO) TO INCLUDE PC FLIGHT MODE, MISSION PROFILES AND SPECIAL TASKS THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO BRIEF, AND 3) RISK APPROVAL AUTHORITY (RAA) FOR LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH AND EXTREMELY HIGH RISK MISSIONS. ALTHOUGH THE SAME PERSON MAY PERFORM

MORE THAN ONE (1) OF THESE DUTIES FOR A PARTICULAR MISSION, THERE ARE THREE (3) SEPARATE RESPONSIBILITIES AND EACH MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AND COMPLETED. ALL THREE (3) APPROVALS WILL BE ANNOTATED ON EITHER THE DA FORM 5484-R, THE MISSION BRIEF SHEET OR THE RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX.

2.C. (U) MISSION APPROVAL AUTHORITY (MAA). THE UNIT COMMANDER WILL BE THE MISSION APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR ALL GROUND AND AIR AVIATION OPERATIONS. UNIT COMMANDER IS DEFINED AS THE COMPANY OR DETACHMENT COMMANDER, BATTALION COMMANDER, OR BRIGADE COMMANDER. WHEN ONE OR MORE ELEMENTS ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATED FROM THE PARENT UNIT, THE UNIT COMMANDER MAY DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER OF THE ELEMENT AS DETACHMENT COMMANDER AND APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS. THIS DETACHMENT COMMANDER MUST BE DESIGNATED IN WRITING AS THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS.

2.D. (U) MISSION BRIEFING OFFICER (MBO). MBOS ARE IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND DOWN TO PLATOON LEADER OR OPERATIONS OFFICER AND MUST BE A PC. MBOS WILL ONLY CONDUCT BRIEFINGS FOR MISSION PROFILES THAT COINCIDE WITH THE FLIGHT MODE IN WHICH THEY ARE DESIGNATED PC. ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED MISSION BRIEFERS MAY BE DESIGNATED ON THE AMM MEMORANDUM, BUT MAY ONLY BRIEF DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND OR OPERATIONS OFFICER BRIEFERS.

2.E. (U) RISK APPROVAL AUTHORITY (RAA): ONCE THE BRIEFING OFFICER AND THE CREW HAVE MITIGATED THE RISK TO THE LOWEST LEVEL, MISSION APPROVAL WILL BE DELEGATED TO THE APPROPRIATE RAA. LOW RISK LEVEL - TO BE APPROVED BY ANY MISSION BRIEFER, A MEMBER OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND OR OPERATIONS OFFICER. MEDIUM RISK LEVEL - TO BE APPROVED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER. HIGH RISK LEVEL - TO BE APPROVED BY THE BN, SQDN OR TF COMMANDER. EXTREMELY HIGH RISK LEVEL - TO BE APPROVED BY THE FIRST GENERAL OFFICER IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

2.F. (U) FIRST GENERAL OFFICER IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WILL ACCEPT THE OUTBRIEF FROM THE ARMY SAFETY CENTER OR ANY CENTRALIZED SAFETY INVESTIGATION TEAM FOLLOWING A CLASS A ACCIDENT.

2.G. (U) ALL ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDERS WILL ATTEND THE DIVISION COMMANDERS COURSE AT FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA.

2.H. (U) COMMANDERS WILL INVOLVE THEIR COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR AND THEIR FIRST SERGEANTS IN THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-RATED CREW MEMBERS.

2.I. (U) BDE AND BN COMMANDERS NEED TO REQUIRE THEIR COMPANY COMMANDERS ACHIEVE PC STATUS PRIOR TO DEPLOYING TO COMBAT.

2.J. (U) A MISSION BRIEFER TRAINING CLASS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST COMMANDERS IN TRAINING BRIEFING OFFICERS. IT MAY BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.UASSD.ARMY.MIL](http://www.uassd.army.mil) OR [HTTP://AFOD.HQUSAREUR.ARMY.MIL](http://afod.hqusareur.army.mil)

3. (U) VCSA MESSAGE ALSO RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

3.A. (U) AVIATION BATTALION COMMANDERS SHOULD HOLD WEEKLY PILOTS BRIEFINGS CONCERNING ALL RELATED TOPICS CONCERNING AVIATION TRAINING AND SAFETY ISSUES. THESE BRIEFINGS WILL BE ATTENDED BY ALL RATED AND NON-RATED CREW MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT ATP.

3.B. (U) AVIATION BATTALION COMMANDERS SHOULD DEVELOP EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR PC BOARDS AND CODIFY THESE PROCEDURES IN THE UNIT ATP.

3.C. (U) AVIATION BATTALION COMMANDERS SHOULD DEVELOP EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR NON-RATED CREW MEMBER BOARDS AND CODIFY THESE PROCEDURES IN THE UNIT ATP.

4. (U) TOPICS IN THIS MESSAGE AND THE VCSA MESSAGE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT SEMI-ANNUAL USAREUR SAFETY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

4.A. (U) THIS MESSAGE SUPERCEDES USAREUR MESSAGE AT REFERENCE C.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

5.A. (U) COMMAND. NO CHANGE.

5.B. (U) SIGNAL. POCS.

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